



## PATENT APPLICATION

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Bertram Bell et al.  
Serial No.: 10/718,994  
Conf. No.: 9083  
Filed: 11/21/03  
For: DEVICE FOR PROCESSING CONTINUOUSLY  
FORMED GOODS  
Examiner: Not yet assigned

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a communication regarding the above-identified application.

Fee Calculation For Claims As Amended

	As Amended		Previously Paid For		Present Extra	Rate		Additional Fee
Total Claims	24	-	20	=	4	x	\$ 18.00	= \$ 72.00
Independent Claims	2	-	3	=	0	x	\$ 88.00	= \$ 0
Fee for Multiple Dependent Claims							\$300.00	= \$ 0
							Total Additional Fee	\$ 72.00
							Small Entity Fee (reduced by half)	\$ 36.00

(X) Amendment Preliminary Amendment.

(X) A check in the amount of \$36.00 to cover the additional Claims.

(X) If a Petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response is required to make the attached response timely and does not separately accompany this transmittal, Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response in the above-identified application for the period required to make the attached response timely.

(X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-2069. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Sir:

Completion of Filing Requirements

Transmitted herewith in response to the Office letter dated August 25, 2004 are:

- (X) Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts.
- (X) Amendment Transmittal w/ Preliminary Amendment.
- (X) Executed Declaration or Oath for this application.
- (X) Filing fee for this application (395.00; Small Entity).
- (X) Assignment Recordation Form Cover Sheet.
- (X) Assignment(s) of the invention to: Maschinenfabrik Niehoff GmbH & Co. KG.
- (X) Other: Claim for Priority Certified Copy of German Priority Document No. 102 54 643.6, English Translation and Certificate of Accuracy.
- (X) Drawing Transmittal with three (3) Sheets of Formal Drawings including FIGs. 1-4.
- (X) A Check in the amount of \$ 65.00 to cover the filing fee and/or surcharge is enclosed.
- (X) A check in the amount of \$ 130.00 for the English Translation.
- (X) A check in the amount of \$ 40.00 to cover the fee for recording the assignment(s) is enclosed.
- (X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-2069. Should no proper amount be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 07-2069. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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DRAWING TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith please find:

- ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ sheets of redlined drawing(s) which indicate proposed changes to the drawing(s). Upon approval of these proposed changes, formal drawing(s) will be submitted.
- ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ sheets of corrected formal drawing(s), as required by the Notice of Patent Drawings Objection (PTO-948) which accompanied the Office Action dated \_\_\_\_\_. Please retain the remaining originally filed sheets.
- ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ sheets of corrected formal drawing(s), as required by the Notice of Patent Drawings Objection (PTO-948) and approved in the Notice of Allowability dated \_\_\_\_\_. Please retain the remaining originally filed sheets.
- (X) 3 sheets of formal drawing(s). Please substitute these formal drawing(s) for the informal drawing(s) originally filed.
- ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Examiner's approval of the entry of these drawings is respectfully requested. No new matter has been added.

Respectfully submitted,

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## FORMALITIES LETTER



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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

10/26/2004 WASFAW1 00000068 10718994

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

01 FC:2051 65.00 OP  
02 FC:1053 130.00 OP

Filing Date Granted

04 AUG 27 AM 3:00  
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Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.  
*Applicant must submit \$ 770 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).*
- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The application was filed in a language other than English. Applicant is required to provide an English translation of the specification and a statement that the translation is accurate. (See 37 CFR 1.52(d)).
- Applicant must file an English translation of the application, the \$ 130 fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(i), unless previously submitted, and a statement that the translation is accurate (37 CFR 1.52(d)).
- Because your specification was filed in a language other than English, the Office was unable to determine the number of claims submitted. Additional claim fees may be due once the number of claims can be determined.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Replacement drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 and 37 CFR 1.121 are required. The drawings submitted are not acceptable because:
  - More than one figure is present and each figure is not labeled "Fig." with a consecutive Arabic numeral (1, 2, etc.) or an Arabic numeral and capital letter in the English

alphabet (A, B, etc.)(see 37 CFR 1.84(u)(1)). See Figure(s) 4 (presumably).

**SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:**

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is **\$1030** for a Large Entity

- **\$770** Statutory basic filing fee.
- **\$130** Late oath or declaration Surcharge.
- **\$130** for English translation surcharge required.

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